

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS

The French census shows that France has a population of 39,222,267, an increase of only 290,322 over that of 1901.

With reference to the proposed fast Atlantic service, it is stated from Montreal that the promoters have decided to ask the Canadian Government for a subsidy of a million dollars a year, and the imperial government for half a million dollars.

A tidal wave has devastated some of the Dutch East India Islands. The loss is great. According to a brief official despatch three hundred persons perished on the island of Tanar, while forty others are known to have been drowned on the island of Samili.

Charles McGill was on Friday morning last in the police court at Toronto committed for trial on two charges, of stealing \$136,000 and \$116,000 from the Ontario bank. Very little additional evidence was taken, as the facts already have been pretty well elicited.

A young woman who was injured last May by the explosion of the bomb which was thrown at King Alfonso and Queen Victoria as they were returning from church after their wedding died in a hospital in Madrid on Wednesday last. Her death is the twenty-fourth resulting from the explosion.

Sir John A. Boyd, chancellor of Ontario and president of the high court of justice, leaves on the 18th inst., for Jamaica, on an extended leave of absence. Though there has been no official announcement, a rumor is prevalent and is credited in legal circles that the chancellor will return to the bench no more.

At the last general meeting of Division No. A. O. H. Palmer Road. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, George Quinn; Vice President, William P. Calaghan; Recording Secretary, John Clark; Financial Secretary, Daniel J. Smith; Treasurer, James O'Brien.

A sad drowning accident occurred at the mill pond at Orwell last Friday. John McDonald, the twelve year old son of Mr. John A. McDonald of Upton, was returning home from the mill and started to take a short cut across the ice of the pond. The result was that he went through and before assistance could reach him he was drowned. The body was recovered shortly afterwards.

Mr. John H. Shirley, successor to the late Hon. D. J. Vail as United States Consul for this Province, arrived in the city on Saturday, accompanied by Mrs. Shirley and their son. Mr. Shirley belongs to Chicago and formerly was engaged in the handling of foreign goods. For the past five and a half years, he has been consul at Guelph, Ont. The Herald welcomes Mr. Shirley and family to this Province.

Terrible charges are being laid against several captains of the American Whaling Fleet which winters at Herschel Island. Some time ago the Dominion authorities spent \$75,000 in punishing a Yukon murderer, and if the crimes are proved to have been committed in Canadian territory, it is said, they are willing to spend this again, and as much more as may be necessary to show justice, and when they are in Canada they must obey Canadian laws.

A dispatch of the 10th, from St. John, N.B., says: "The colonial legislature will meet on Jan. 31. The government will deal vigorously with the matter of the rights of Americans to fish in colonial waters, with the alleged interference of the imperial authorities in the premises, and the alleged surrender, by the British ministry, of colonial rights to the United States. It is expected that both houses will protest strongly against the imperial attitude and demand abrogation of the recently enacted moose vivendi."

St. John advises of the 9th inst. "Word was received here that the new British act increasing the deck load limit to the height of a steamer's rail, providing that it be not more than seven feet above the deck, has been put in force and the Canadian act of the same provisions passed last year will become law now. It has not been proclaimed yet, but the St. John collector of customs has instructions to clear steamers having the large deck load, on their indemnifying him from any consequences that may ensue pending the proclamation. The steamer Manchester Importer so called today for Manchester, being the first from here under the new law. Heretofore the winter deck load limit has been three feet."

John Burns, an employee at the baking mill in connection with the Miramichi Pulp and paper plant at Chatham, N.B. met a terrible death Friday morning. He was employed in clearing up refuse and accumulating near the blow pipe when a rope attached to one of the grapples hooks he was using became entangled in a shaft, and the hook was jerked into his right leg whirling him around the shaft, and as the rope was drawn into the machinery his leg was pulled out of socket and clean away from the body. He was alone at the time and no one saw how the accident actually occurred, but he was discovered some time after when the leg was almost wrenched off and the machinery was stopped. Dr. Byrne was summoned but the man died in a few minutes. He was eighty years old and leaves eight children, two of whom, John and Mark, are living in St. John.

The telegraph cable between this Province and the mainland remains unrepaid. As near as has been ascertained, the break is near the middle of the Straits, and the probability seems to be that it may not be repaired until the opening of navigation. To the House of Commons on the 11th, Mr. Martin M. P. for Queen's brought the matter to the attention of the Government on a motion to adjourn the House. Mr. Martin thought that this break in the telegraph communication afforded a good opportunity to revise the arrangements with the Anglo-American company, which claimed a monopoly of telegraph with P. E. Island. He proposed that Marconi stations be established on the Island and mainland. It was a great privilege for people of the Province to be wholly out of from communication. Hon. Mr. Fisher, acting minister of public works, said the matter would have consideration. R. L. Borden asked what remedy the Government had to re-establish communication for a considerable period. Mr. Fisher said he had not had time to ascertain. The subject dropped.

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The Supreme Court is still in Session here. Criminal cases have occupied the attention of the court this week.

The Laurier Government appointed four Senators on Saturday. Hon. John Costigan M. P., and David Gilmour, defeated Liberal candidates, were appointed for New Brunswick. For Ontario, G. W. Ross ex-Premier, and Mr. Beth ex. M. P. for Durham are the lucky ones. Two Nova Scotia vacancies remain to be filled.

At the annual meeting of the City Council, on Monday night, his Worship Mayor Paton submitted his annual report. The report enumerated the different works of civic improvement that had been accomplished during the year; the taxes collected and the expenditures made. The total receipts were \$108,466.42 and the total expenditures \$108,282.12 leaving a surplus on the year's transactions of \$184.30. The report was enthusiastically received by the council and his Worship was highly complimented on the results of the year's work.

After a legal contest, extending over two years involving a recount, three trials and four appeals, Mr. W. A. Preston, Conservative, who according to the official count at the last election for the Legislature was defeated by H. W. Kennedy, Liberal, has at last won the seat. The case, which has been in progress at Port Arthur, Ont., since the 1st of June, came to a close last night Wednesday night, when Judge Telford and Anglin declared that Mr. Preston had been elected by a majority of 15. The cost of the case will exceed \$15,000. The judges will make their report to the Speaker of the Ontario Legislature, and Mr. Preston will take the seat as representative of the coming session.

The case of the Magdalen Islands steamship Company vs. the Gloucester Schooner, or Diana, which began in the Admiralty Court on January 2nd, was concluded Saturday afternoon last. A large number of witnesses for both sides were examined. The counsel for the Steamship Company were: R. E. Harris, K. C. of Halifax and W. S. Stewart, K. C. of Charlottetown, and the counsel for the schooner, Edward S. Dodge of Boston and Fred R. Taylor of St. John. The examination of witnesses was concluded Friday afternoon and Saturday was occupied with the argument of counsel. Mr. Dodge occupied the time from the opening of the court till recess at 1 o'clock and Mr. Harris spoke from 2 o'clock till nine. Judgment was reserved.

North Atlantic Trading Co. Sues the Government.

In answer to a question by Mr. Duncan Ross in the House of Commons on the 11th inst., the hon. member stated that 25,504 homestead entries had been made during the past seven years by persons from continental countries under contract with the North Atlantic Trading Company, while during the seven years preceding 1899 when immigration work was done through local booking agents, the homestead entries had reached only the small total of 3,808. During the seven years prior to 1899 there had arrived in Canada from continental countries only 34,305 immigrants, whereas for the seven years during which the contract with the North Atlantic Trading Company was in force, the arrivals from the same countries numbered 157,380. There had been no work for the promotion of immigration to Canada from these countries except that carried on by the North Atlantic Trading Company. He also stated that the company will take action against the government for cancellation of their contract without good reason and due notice. The company claimed that the homestead entries had been lived up to and the contract could only be cancelled on four years' notice. They said in view of the probable length of the contract they had spent double the money with agents and in advertising their contract called for. The cancellation of the contract by the minister could be defended on any moral, reasonable or legal grounds. They had advised James Smart, the Canadian agent, to take proceedings and claimed damages for three years and five months. Since 1902 they had spent over \$120,000.

During the investigation by parliament last summer Lord Strathcona sent a Mr. Allan to look into the North Atlantic Trading Company.

He saw Mr. Cohen, secretary of the company, and said Mr. Preston wished to be released from his pledge to keep the names of the members of the company secret. Mr. Cohen gave Mr. Allan the following notice: "The very most we are able to do is to allow Mr. Preston to show the names to the premier, Hon. Mr. Fielding and it absolutely necessary to one Liberal Conservative member of a confidential committee on condition that each give a sworn declaration in writing never to mention the names either verbally or in any other way under any condition that the premier take full responsibility for the sworn declarations are kept, as disclosing names would result in some prominent members committing suicide."

The last letter from the company is on Nov. 14. It says the company appreciates Mr. Oliver's position, a new minister, with a new deputy and Mr. Preston too far away to be consulted. Of the attacks by the Conservative opposition on the company the letter among other things says: "We must conclude that your government felt itself totally unable to resist these attacks, not having a sufficient knowledge of the service we were rendering and therefore failed to take the responsibility of cancelling the agreement, even though in absolute repudiation of its very definite terms."

Western Storm Still Raging.

Despatches from the west continue the story of the most severe winter on record. Southern Alberta is in the grip of the storm king and cattle are further from range grass than ever. The storm blazes the hope of cattlemen, who now admit that mortality on the snow-bound ranges will probably be heavy and costly. The winter has already proved itself the severest for years and the end of the season is not far off. Should the winter continue for recent years, should the winter

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The Prices.

Butter, (fresh).....	0.25 to 0.28
Eggs, (fresh).....	0.22 to 0.25
Calf skin.....	0.00 to 0.10
Ducks per pair.....	0.80 to 1.00
Eggs, per doz.....	0.30 to 0.40
Fowls (per pair).....	0.40 to 1.00
Chickens per pair.....	0.70 to 1.00
Flour (per cwt.).....	2.30 to 2.40
Wheat (per cwt.).....	0.95 to 1.00
Barley (per lb) (carrot).....	0.06 to 0.07
Oatmeal (per cwt.).....	2.50 to 3.00
Potatoes.....	0.00 to 0.40
Pork.....	0.8 to 0.82
Sheep tallow.....	0.75 to 0.85
Turnips.....	0.00 to 0.00
Turnips (per lb).....	1.00 to 1.25
Beef.....	0.42 to 0.44
Peanut hay.....	3.50 to 10.00
Straw.....	0.25 to 0.30

Speed Race of Battleships.

On its return from Gibraltar to England, the second cruiser Aqueduct, a speed race at four-fifths power for thirty hours. Interest in races of this sort is all the greater because these cruisers are fitted with many rapid types of water-tube boilers. The Drake, flagship of Rear-Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg, fitted with Belleville boilers, was an average speed of twenty-two and a half knots. At the end of the thirty hours the ships were directed to ease down to eighteen knots, and proceeded to their home ports. The Drake arrived at Portsmouth some hours ahead of her consort. The speed race constituted a world's record for such long steaming. The Drake also holds the full speed record, having touched twenty-five knots at full power last summer.

An Immense Granite Block.

There arrived at Cole de Nigres cemetery last Thursday afternoon from Barre, Vermont, the largest and heaviest single piece of granite that ever came into Canada. It is thirty-two feet long by three and a quarter feet square, and weighed thirty-two tons. It was consigned to Mr. J. Brunet, the well-known sculptor, and was so heavy that it took four hours to get it off the cars, owing to the heavy chains and tackle spanning like whip cord. In order to convey this mammoth piece of granite to the works of Mr. Brunet, the stone was brought into the city, and with chattering words from forty-five workmen the animals went the whole distance, a mile and a half, without stopping. There was a large crowd at the works to greet Mr. Brunet and his employees. This unique piece of granite will be used as a monolith to the memory of the late Hon. Raymond Prentiss.

Held Up By Negroes.

While James P. Lewis, proprietor of a restaurant at Perkiomen Junction, three miles east of Phoenixville, Pa. was enjoying dinner with his family, three negroes made their appearance in the dining room, compelled the family to vacate the room and taking their places about the well-filled board, proceeded to help themselves to the turkey, cranberry sauce and other good things in sight. Lewis protested, and all three brandished passing knives made him decide quickly, and with his family he left. After obtaining the assistance of several neighbors Lewis returned to his home, and a general fight with the negroes followed. Two of the negroes were wounded, but not seriously enough to prevent them from escaping, and all three boarded a passing coal train. In Lewis' absence the cash register in his restaurant was broken open and a small sum of money taken, in addition to several other articles of value. The highwaymen are supposed to be part of the gang which held up and robbed a freight train near the Black Rock tunnel one night last week.

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Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of a Writ of Sequestration to me directed, issued out of His Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature, of Prince Edward Island, at the suit of Alexander MacLean against Peter D. McKinnon and Mary McPherson, I have taken and seized all the estate, right title and interest of the said Peter D. McKinnon and Mary McPherson, in and to all that tract, piece or parcel of land situated, lying and being on Lot or Township Number Sixty-one, in the King's County, bounded and described as follows, that is to say: commencing on the South side of St. Mary's Road, at the North-east corner of a tract of fifty acres of land conveyed by the Commissioner of Public Lands to Malcolm Gillies, thence South fifty-five chains and fifty-five links, or to the division line between Township Number Sixty-one and Township Number Sixty-two, thence East nine chains to the West boundary of one hundred acres of land conveyed to John McPherson, thence North to the St. Mary's Road, and thence West along said road to the place of commencement, containing fifty acres of land a little more or less, being Plot Number Fifty-five on the South side of St. Mary's Road, on the Plan of Township Number Sixty-one, in the office of the Commissioner of Public Lands. And I hereby give Public Notice that I will on Wednesday, the Twenty-eighth day of August, A. D. 1907, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, at the Court House in Georgetown, in King's County aforesaid, sell by Public Auction, the said property, or as much thereof as will satisfy the levy marked on the said Writ, being the sum of one hundred and fifty-eight dollars and seventy-six cents, with interest on sixty-seven dollars and thirty-four cents from the nineteenth day of October, A. D. 1906, at six per cent per annum, besides Sheriff's fees and all legal incidental expenses.

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W. E. BENTLEY, Plaintiff's Attorney.
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